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During New Brockton Town Council meeting

Police Chief presents ticket/warning comparison

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular monthly meeting of the New Brockton Town Council Monday evening, March 6, Police Chief Dale Grimes gave council members a comparison between the number of citations and warnings written during the month of February by police officers.

Grimes said this comparison would allow everyone to see that the officers basically are issuing just as many warnings during the month as they are "pay" citations.

During the month of February, Chief Grimes said the department issued the following traffic citations: two for driving under the influence, 11 for speeding, one for a revoked driver's license, five for a suspended driver's license, two for a

switched tag, four for violation of the seat belt law, six for violation of the seat belt law, one for improper passing, two for running a stop sign/light and two for failure to dim.

Also during the month of February, he said the department issued the following written warnings: 18 for speeding, eight for a revoked driver's license, two for no insurance and 22 for improper equipment.

Chief Grimes reported to council members that he has looked at some cars that DeFunak Springs is offering to sell; however, he said the vehicles in his opinion are not worth the amount of money being asked.

Grimes also told council members he needs to complete 20 hours of executive training to remain qualified to serve as

police chief. He said there are upcoming training sessions during the year that can provide those needed hours and asked council members to allow him to attend the training.

Council member Cal Donnia Howard made the motion to allow Chief Grimes to attend the proper sessions to attain the required hours of training. She received a second from council member Richard Driskell, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote (council member Johnnie Herron was unable to attend the meeting).

Regarding the disposition of the Jr. Food building in New Brockton, Mayor Charles Cole said Monday evening that two non-profit organizations as well as the town's recreation board have shown interest in acquiring the building. He said all three

groups wants the building donated to them.

Cole said one of the non-profit organizations indicates an interest in creating a teen center while the other wants to create a thrift store. The mayor said the recreation board will use the building for meetings and storage of equipment.

Cole and council members seemed to agree the building will require a great deal of work and money to bring it up to standards regardless of what group gets the building.

Mayor Cole recommended giving the recreation board 30 days to let the council know its intentions in writing regarding the building.

Council member Vicky Harrison said it is something the council really needs to think about before making any type of decision; therefore, she made a motion with a second from council member Driskell to table this discussion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Council member Jeffery White gave council members an update from the planning commission, and he said the committee was scheduled to have a meeting Tuesday night of this week. At that meeting, White said the planning commission would look at Phase 1 of the proposed Mayberry subdivision. He said and engineer has been hired to look over the plans for this project, and things are progressing.

In other business, the council, in looking at the report of the town clerk, council members voted unanimously to pay the monthly bills totaling \$25,586.64 of which \$17,816.99 were pre-paid and \$7,769.65 were to-be-paid.

Town clerk Annette Williams said letters have been sent out regarding the demolition grant for old houses within the town limits. She encouraged residents interested in taking advantage of



THE ART OF FLIPPING...Elba Lions Club members Rex Boutwell (left) and L.C. Cook (right) were the appointed pancake chefs last Saturday morning, March 4, during the annual Elba Lions Club Pancake Day. Downtown Elba was filled with the smell of pancakes and sausage from 6-10 a.m. last Saturday morning as many local residents came out to support the annual fund raising event for the Lions Club. Please see Page 14 for additional scenes from the breakfast event.

Elba native named president and publisher of Andalusia Newspapers Inc.

Michele Gerlach has been named president and publisher of Andalusia Newspapers, Inc. Gerlach most recently served as publisher of The Brewton Standard and is a vice president and group manager of Boone Newspapers, Inc., The Star-News' Tuscaloosa-based parent company.

She has previously worked as director of marketing and communications at Jefferson Davis Community College, and is a former publisher of The Atmore Advance. She also has worked in newspapers in Alexander City and Russellville, Ala.

"I believe strong newspapers make stronger communities," Gerlach said. "I am very pleased to have the opportunity to work in an industry I love and in a great community. It is apparent that exciting things are happening in Andalusia and

Covington County, and I look forward to working with local residents to publish a newspaper that reflects the enthusiasm I see here."

A native of Elba, and a graduate of Elba High School, Gerlach earned a journalism degree from the University of Alabama and a master's degree in leadership and organizational effectiveness from Troy State University.

She and her husband, Tom, are active in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Brewton, where she also is a Rotarian and a member of the Red Cross board.

She is a member of the Alabama Press Association's Journalism Foundation board and a former chair of the City of Atmore's Industrial Development Board. She is the daughter of Fern and Heddy Cox of Elba.

The driver stands beside his 18 wheeler Tuesday following a minor accident at the intersection Claxton and 203 Bypass. The truck above, out of Headland, AL, clipped the left rear of a U-Haul truck as the traffic light was changing to yellow. There were no injuries. The driver explained that the U-Haul, which had just passed him, began stopping as the light changed to yellow. The trailing truck tried to avoid the stopping truck by changing lanes but hit the left rear, causing minor damage to both vehicles.

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NEWS BRIEF

Coffee County Sheriff's deputies last week arrested an escapee from Chickasaw County, Mississippi.

James Keith Knowles, age 25, escaped Jan. 16, 2006 from the Chickasaw County Jail after scaling an exercise yard fence.

Knowles' Mississippi charges were fraud. Knowles was arrested at a residence on Alabama Highway 125 just inside Coffee County. He was determined to be in Coffee County after Mississippi authorities received a tip that Knowles was in Coffee County.

After verifying this information, Coffee County Sheriff Ben Hines said deputies arrested Knowles without incident. Knowles appeared before District Judge Fred Sherrill and voluntarily waived extradition back to Mississippi.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION announced that the regular March board meeting has been postponed due to an Alabama Association of School Board (AASB) meeting in Birmingham this week. The next meeting of the Coffee County BOE will be Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m.

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will sponsor a Legislative Breakfast on Friday, March 10, beginning at 7 a.m. in the First Baptist Church social hall in Elba. Representative Terry Spicer and Senator Jimmy Holley will be present to give an update on their current legislative session. Contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125 for more information.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will sponsor a blood drive Sunday, March 11, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Elba. The organization also will be recruiting volunteers from Elba. For more information, visit the website at www.givblood.org or call 1-800-451-1237.

THE NEW NEW BROCKTON ELEMENTARY will be held Sunday, March 11, beginning at 6 p.m. at the New Brockton High School auditorium.

Elba Police Department gets new School Resource Officer vehicle

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Serving as the School Resource Officer (SRO) for the Elba Police Department and Elba City School System, Officer Dean Blair is a well-known and recognized. Now, thanks to the joint venture of two local businesses, Officer Blair is even more recognizable.

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County and the National Security Group recently joined forces and together helped acquire a new vehicle to be used by the School Resource Officer.

Through a 3-year lease/purchase deal, the two businesses will make the lease payments on the new Ford Explorer for three years. At that point in time, the city will pay the remaining cost for the vehicle.

Officer Blair said the SRO vehicle is a high visibility vehicle that travels with the Elba students on many, many trips. He said it is common to see the School Resource Officer accompanying students on ball game trips, band trips, field trips, etc.

"The Peoples Bank and National Security realize the benefit of this vehicle for the police department and the school," Blair said. "I can't thank the businesses enough for what they do for our school and community."

Blair said this is the second time the two businesses have helped the department purchase a School Resource Officer vehicle. The first Ford Explorer has

been transferred to the department's patrol fleet with the addition of this new SRO vehicle.

With the vehicle being a high visibility vehicle for the department and school, Blair said a lot of work went in to designing the vehicle's appearance. Black and Gold is a noticeable theme for the vehicle directly connecting it with Elba's school colors.

Another helping hand for this vehicle was that of

Representative Terry Spicer. Blair said Rep. Spicer was able to secure funds to help with the emergency lighting for the vehicle along with the sirens, police radio and other special equipment.

Window tinting for the vehicle was donated by Larry's Paint and Body Shop of Elba while the vehicle graphics and striping were purchased through Williams Signs, also of Elba.

"I personally want to thank Chris Maddaloni of Williams Signs for the countless hours he spent designing the decals for this vehicle," said Blair. "Again, I just can't say enough about the support of our community."

Among the decal designs for the vehicle, there is a tiger head on the hood of the vehicle and the new City of Elba logo has been included on both sides of the vehicle.



ELBA POLICE CHIEF FREDDY HANCHEY PRESENTS School Resource Officer Dean Blair with the keys to his new vehicle. The department was able to acquire the vehicle thanks to a joint effort between The Peoples Bank of Coffee County and the National Security Group. The two local businesses entered a 3-year lease/purchase agreement. Representatives from both businesses were present at Chief Hanchey presented the keys to Officer Blair. Also present were: Elba City Schools Superintendent Danny Weeks and Representative Terry Spicer, who helped secure additional funds for the vehicle's lighting and equipment. Shown above (from left to right) are: Superintendent Weeks, Rep. Spicer, National Security representatives Tommy Skinner and Tim Wilson, Officer Blair (seated), Chief Hanchey and The Peoples Bank representatives Doris Matthews, Melonice Blair and Barry Giles.

BRAINSTORMS

District Judge Paul Sherling finds it hard (impossible) to hide his passions. Tuesday he was in the office excited over the prospects of positive things to come from his work to organize efforts with children having school attendance and other problems. A Coffee County Children's Policy Council, requiring parents to come to court with their children in truancy cases, etc. will help . . . he thinks. Judge Sherling is dedicated to making this work, for the benefit of young folks in Coffee County.

As part of this project, there is federal grant money for hiring a VISTA volunteer to coordinate the work with youth. When asked what kind a person he was looking for, Sherling said "someone with a passion for children". Now this takes 30-35 hours a week, but is very flexible and can be done from a person's home. Anyone interested in the position or as a volunteer guiding these children needs to contact the District Judge's office in either Elba or Enterprise.

Last Friday we had the honor of introducing Elba native Bob Imman during a convention of the Alabama Press Association. It is great to be around classy people like Bob, and with a bit of dreaming it isn't too much of a stretch to imagine ourselves on the equal with such top notch folks. Anyway, that bunch of newspaper folks took to Bob (and Paulette) like a duck takes to water! Of course each of us assured those news hounds that Elba was full of good folks and they were welcome down for a visit any time.

That convention also marked the end of our term as president of the Alabama Press Association. It has been fun, with memories, and friends, that are impossible to replace. However when passing the gavel Saturday, there was a sigh of relief! Newspaper folks all think independently, which is good but at a time when one voice is needed - forget it!

Most parents enjoy having their adult children as close to home as possible, without being underfoot. Heddy and yours truly are no exception. Also, as parents we want our children to be successful. Thankfully all three of our children are doing well in their chosen field and not a one lives over two hours from "home". Last week my daughter got a bit closer than their Brewton home. Her company named Michele publisher of the Andalusia Star News, meaning mother and daddy are only 30-40 minutes away. That is once Michele and Tom get moved. Right now she is driving back and forth every day, still overseeing the paper in Brewton, along with her new responsibilities in Andalusia.

The official announcement about Michele was made in the Andalusia newspaper last Thursday morning. By 8:00 a.m. the office phone in Elba was ringing with some of my Andalusia "friends" saying things like, "Hope to H-- she ain't like her daddy. Ha Ha Ha". We wouldn't want it any other way! Isn't life grand!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Thursday, Feb. 27, 2006, investigated the following incidents: two for duty to remain at scene, one unlawful entry, one receiving stolen property, one criminal mischief, one criminal trespassing, two for domestic violence, seven drug related incidents, one damage to property and one unintended death. The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear, one for breaking and entering a motor vehicle, two for theft of property, two for possession of a controlled substance, one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for possession of untaxed liquor.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for a suspended driver's license, four for violation of the seat belt law, three for speeding, one for no insurance, one for a revoked driver's license and one for local music.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, FEB. 27 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grass fire on Tiger Dr. (1:55 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 6763 County Rd. 410 (8:32 p.m.); Accident (vehicle vs. deer) reported on Hwy. 84 E. of County Rd. 263 (11:02 p.m.). TUESDAY, FEB. 28 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1014 Drayton Ave. (10:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1442 Cherokee Lane (7:49 p.m.). WEDNESDAY, MAR. 1 - Domestic disturbance reported at 601 Kendrick Apts. (8:35 a.m.).

THURSDAY, MAR. 2 - Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 831 E. Davis St. (1:13 p.m.); Disturbance (possible fight) reported on Jackson St. (2:08 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported near Adkison and Simmons streets (10:36 p.m.). FRIDAY, MAR. 3 - Accident (vehicle vs. building) reported at Dollar General (5:00 p.m.); Disturbance (crowd) reported on Jackson St. (6:56 p.m.); Wreck reported at 717 W. Davis St. (6:59 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Jackson St. (7:45 p.m.). SATURDAY, MAR. 4 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to 820 Roosevelt Dr. (11:15 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a woods fire at 562 County Rd. 502 (1:13 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3454 Hwy. 125 (5:17 p.m.); Fight in progress reported on Caroline St. (7:28 p.m.). SUNDAY, MAR. 5 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at 20731 Hwy. 87 N. (1:06 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 20731 Hwy. 87 N. (1:10 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (6:51 p.m.); Report of shots fired in the area of 806 Smith Ave. (10:26 p.m.).

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EDITORIAL

What on Earth is happening?

Editorial by Annette Griswold

It seems the whole world has gone crazy. What is happening? It should come as no surprise to Bible scholars. It is all there, written thousands of years ago, yet it is like watching and reading the daily news. To put the two together, one must be spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:6-16. Scriptures will follow which will help readers to do just that. Read on if you are interested in knowing "What on Earth is Happening." To help you comprehend and understand why the world is in such turmoil, look up referenced scriptures in this article.

God, in His Word, gives us ample warning of the signs of the times. If we read it, we can know the "Grande finale" of "latter years." Some people will be caught unaware and will have to face "trouble such as the

world has never seen before." (Daniel 12 and Matthew 24). These are the days that Isaiah 5:20 speaks of when good is called evil and evil is called good. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 also speaks of the times we now live in. God destroys the world with a flood during Noah's time because of violence and sexual perversion (Genesis 6:1-7). Does this sound familiar? The Sodomites in Lot's time, Genesis chapters 18 and 19, caused the destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Does this sound familiar? Our generation is no different from those generations.

Jesus, in Matthew 24, tells us what signs to watch for: (1) False christs in the last days. Do you remember David Koresh? Jim Jones? Charles Manson? "Reverend" Moon? All these, in our life time, claimed to be Christ. (2) Wars. Have you heard of any of these lately? (3) Famines. People are starving to death in third-world countries because of war. War brings famine. Famine brings death and disease. (4) Pestilences. What about Ecol? HIV? Bird Flu? Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and others? (5) Sorrows. Look at the news. Look at the lives of families and friends. (6) Persecution. Are Christians being persecuted by radical Islam, communism, oppressive laws, out-of-control judges, news media, the entertainment industry, and sad to say, in some cases, persecution by some of our own church leaders? Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 3:12-13 that "All who live godly in Jesus Christ will

suffer persecution." (7) Is inquiry abounding? (8) Has genuine love grown cold? (9) Is the

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Obituaries

JACK RUSHING BRUNSON
Mr. Jack Rushing Brunson, age 77, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Memorial services were held March 6, 2006 at First Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. Mark Gray officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Brunson was serving on The University of Alabama President's Cabinet and the Board of Visitors for the College of Commerce and Business Administration at the time of his death. He was CEO of The National Security Group at the time of his retirement in 1999 and is a former Mayor of Elba. Mr. Brunson was a long-time member of the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees where served as board chairman from 1998 to 2001.

Mr. Brunson was preceded in death by a son, William Barry Brunson; and by three brothers, William Lister Brunson, Jerry Burton Brunson and Grover Brunson.

Survivors include his wife: Edna Allen Brunson, Elba; a daughter: Barbara Allen Brunson (Sydney Smith), Birmingham, Ala.; a son: Jack Edward Brunson (Jane), Elba; a daughter-in-law: Janie Palmer Brunson Hazelwood (Terry), Highlands Ranch, Colo.; two sisters: Marjorie Brunson Pittman, Enterprise, Ala.; Pat Brunson Folmar, Goshen, Ala.;

two grandsons: Jack Rushing Brunson II and Edward Franklin Brunson, Elba; three granddaughters: Ella Blake Brunson and Meredith Allen Brunson, Elba, and Mary Ballard Brunson, Highlands Ranch, Colo.

The family requested that memorial donations be made to the Jack R. Brunson Memorial Scholarship Fund at the University of South Alabama, Room HSB 2150, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala. 36688. Alabama Baptist Children's Home P.O. Box 361767, Birmingham, Ala. 35236 or Covenant Community Church Building Fund P.O. Box 510, Elba, Ala. 36323.

WALLACE PEARSON SMITH
Mr. Wallace Pearson Smith, age 86, of Dothan, Ala., died Saturday, March 4, 2006 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Funeral services were held March 5, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba with Rev. Orrin D. Barrett officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by a son, William Pearson Smith; mother, Mellicie Smith; father, Jessie Smith; three sisters: Mollie Barker, Mollie Spurlin and Francis Devane; two brothers, Alcius Smith and Fred Smith Sr.

Survivors include his wife: Myrtle Smith; one daughter:

Lucracia "Cricket" (husband, Kevin) George, Dothan; one brother: Jessie James Smith, Elba; two granddaughters: Jessica George and Haley George, both of Dothan.

MADGE JONES
Mrs. Madge Jones, age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006 at her home in Elba.

Funeral services were held March 3, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Fred Fowler and Rev. Charles Sunday officiating. A private interment service followed. Survivors include two daughters: Lori Jones Laughlin, Osage Beach, MO, Susan Jones Collins (husband, Danny), Birmingham, Ala.; three grandchildren: Amanda Collins, Matt Collins and Drew Collins, all of Birmingham.

THEO JOHNSON SMITH
Ms. Theo Johnson Smith, age 84, of Tusculum, Fla. and former resident of Elba, Ala., died March 5, 2006 in Tusculum.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 11, 2006 at 2 p.m. at Whitewater Baptist Church in Elba with interment in Whitewater Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Whitewater Baptist Church, 4301 Hwy. 125, Elba, Ala. 36323.

Ms. Smith was preceded in death by her husband, Prescott (P.D.) Smith.

Survivors include one daughter: Martha Jane Long, Tusculum; one son: Ronnie Smith, Tusculum; two sisters: Ann Lee, Andalusia, Ala.; Noble Giddens, Mobile, Ala.; three brothers: James Johnson, Mobile, Hubert Johnson, Saraland, Ala., Sam Johnson, Panama City, Fla.; sisters-in-law: Venellie Corbitt, Bessie Dell Ward, Helen Smith; brothers-in-law: Hugo (Evelyn) Smith, Arthur D. (Audrey) Smith, Bay Minette, Ala.; and three grandchildren: Faith, Rob (Sue) and David (Danielle).

SKYLAR ELI BOSWELL
Mr. Skylar Eli Boswell, age 24, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, March 4, 2006 at his home in Elba.

Funeral services were held March 7, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba. Burial followed in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his father: Thomas Boswell Sr., Elba; his

step mother: Dianne Lott Boswell, Elba; his mother: Molly Boswell, Dothan, Ala.; his step father: A. Darrell Edge, Dothan; his daughter: Sadi Skye Boswell, Elba; his brother: George Thomas (wife, Shannon Michelle) Boswell Jr., Elba; his step brother: Derek Mark Lott, Elba; his step sister: Shannon Delisa Vega, Elba; three nephews and one niece, all of Elba.

FORE SHIVERS JR.
Mr. Fore Shivers Jr., age 44, Andalusia, Ala., died Feb. 25, 2006.

Funeral services were held March 4, 2006 at Coleman Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Teddy Hill officiating and Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three children: Roman Lindsey, Timothy Lindsey and Shandrika Shivers, all of Opp, Ala.; three sisters: Ann Bean, Orlando, Fla., Bessie Lee Shivers, Wetumpka, Ala., Sara Moore, Opp, and one

brother: Robert Shivers, Tallahassee, Fla.

MARYGLEN HAM
Mrs. Maryglen Ham, sister of Fred Ham, died Tuesday, March 7, 2006 in Pensacola, Fla. Funeral arrangements will be forthcoming.

Dear Editor Linda Hodge,
Now that the City of Elba has the federal grant money to replace the people in Beaver Dam Trailer Park - What is the City of Elba going to do about it???

John M. Griggs

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Strolling Across America
The Appalachian Trail extends north from Mount Spring in Georgia for 2,175 miles until it reaches Mount Katahdin in Maine. In October 1921, Benton Mackaye, a little more radical, his wife, Betty, was active in the women's suffrage movement, while Benton began examining better ways to manage natural resources. In 1919, he parted company with the government. In 1920, he offered his services to the new Russian government but it never took him up on his offer. In April 1921, his wife committed suicide by jumping into New York's East River. At first Benton was inconsolable, talking about her and searching for answers. Suddenly, he stopped. There would be no more talking about his wife and the uncompromising radical part of his idea seemed to have died with her. In his place, Benton became a company with the government. In 1920, he offered his services to the new Russian government but it never took him up on his offer. 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LIFESTYLES



Miss McCollough & Mr. Day

McCollough-Day wedding set for Saturday, May 20th

Mrs. Pam McCollough of Elba, Ala., announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Raeann, to Donny Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rhoades of Geneva and Mr. Jerry Day of Fairview. Raeann is also the daughter of the late Mr. Earl McCollough.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Carlie of Dothan and the late Mr. and Mrs. Luke McCollough of Elba.

She is a 2000 graduate of Elba High School and a 2004 graduate of Auburn University where she earned a degree in market-

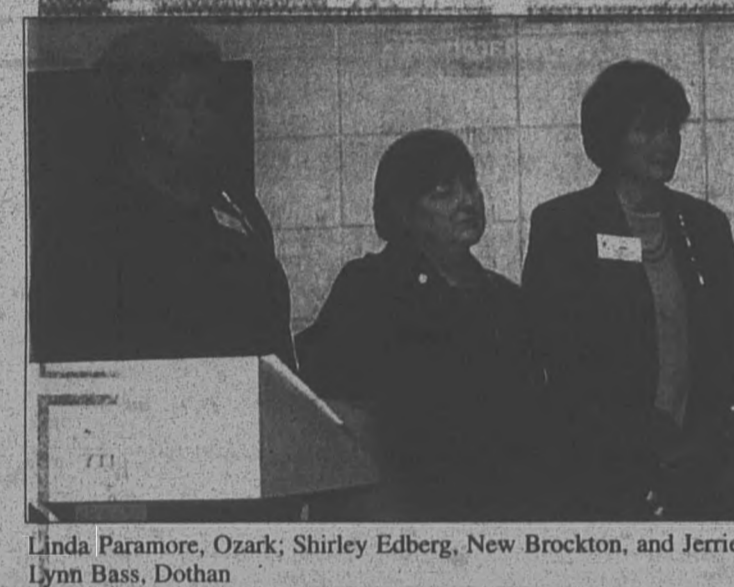
ing. She is employed as an Internet Marketing Specialist with Jeffers Vet Supply in Dothan.

The future groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Don Garrett of Geneva and Mr. and Mrs. Rolan Day of Fairview.

He is a 1995 graduate of Kinston High School and is employed with Army Fleet Support at Fort Rucker.

The wedding will be an event of May 20, 2006 at 5 o'clock in the evening at the McCollough Hayfield in Elba. A reception will follow at the Elba Country Club. All family and friends are invited to attend.

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Mrs. Leslie (Stinson) Goethe honored with miscellaneous bridal shower on Sunday, February 26th

The Old South Inn on West Davis Street, Elba, was the setting for a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Jeremy Goethe (nee Leslie Stinson) on Sunday afternoon, February 26, 2006.

Mrs. Ceina Spicer, with her gracious smile, greeted the many guests and directed them to the bridal registry. Miss Kendall Stinson, cousin of the honoree, registered the guests from a table that held the bride's book and an arrangement of mixed spring flowers.

After registering, the guests were presented to the receiving line composed of the honoree, Mrs. Leslie Goethe; Miss Haley Stinson, sister of the bride; Mrs. Lisa Stinson, mother of the bride; and Mrs. Durell Galimore, maternal grandmother.

Dainty party refreshments were served in the dining room, attended by Ms. Candace Vaughan. Miss Meghan Sullivan laded punch from a silver punch bowl situated in the gathering room.

While enjoying the delicious refreshments, the guests viewed the wide assortment of beautiful gifts displayed in various rooms. Hostesses for the elegant occasion were Paula McCollough, Debra Nicholson, Gwen Mullinax, Debbie and Lindsey Jared, Jan Smith, Jan Garrett, Candace and Katie Vaughan, Allona and Kendra Vaughan, Faye Tillis, Janie Allen, Cindy Carley, Angela Anderson, Martha Coleman, Katrina Calhoun, Anita Grimes, Sharon and Ashley Cowen, Kaye Whitworth, Charlotte Anderson, Dana Padgett, Kristen Stinson, Alvernis Galimore, Sandy O'Neal, Valerie McGuire, Patsy Powell, Rhonda Stephens, and June Grantham.

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Pictured left to right: Ms. Janie Allen, Miss Haley Stinson, Mrs. Lisa Stinson, Mrs. Leslie Stinson Goethe-honoree and Mrs. Durell Galimore

New Arrival

Blood Drive to be held at Elba First Baptist Church

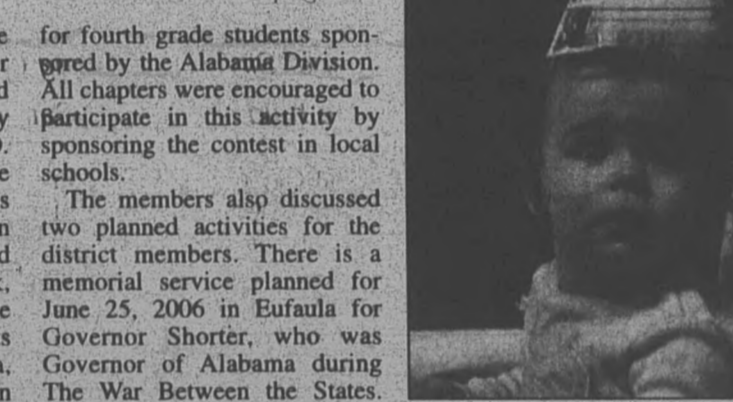
The Elba Community Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, March 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Elba First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Donors can schedule appointments by visiting www.givelife.org. All presenting donors may enter a drawing to win two Delta Air Lines round-trip tickets to stay in a deluxe Miami, Florida hotel for two weeks beginning Feb. 7, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. The cost for the course is \$45. For more information, please call 347-2623, ext. 2209.

LaTasha Burks of Opp and Trel Burks of Elba announce the birth of their son, LaTrell Burks.

He was born Feb. 20, 2006, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp. He weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandmother is Tina Green of Opp. Paternal grandmother is Cathleen Burks of Elba.

Gracie Elizabeth Wilks celebrates first birthday



Gracie Elizabeth Wilks turned 1 year old on January 27, 2006. Her party was held at McLins in Daleville, Ala. The theme was "Finding Nemo." Gracie enjoyed opening all her gifts surrounded by friends and family.

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As the guests arrived, there was a time of fellowship with coffee, juice, and muffins for all to enjoy. Donna Clark, District Director called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Ceyla Minder, member of the William C. Oats Chapter. Pledges were said to the American, Christian, Alabama, and Confederate flags. Jerry Lynn Bass of the William C. Oats Chapter, and Dixie. The out-of-town guests were welcomed to the meeting by Harriette Mathews vice president of the host chapter, with the response given by Dinah Blankenship, member of the Ozark Chapter.

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Everyone is welcome. For Info. Call Jan White 348-2451

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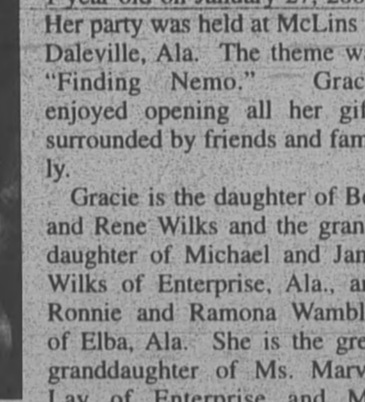
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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Gospel Singing to be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church

A gospel singing will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, located at Mixon Cross Roads, on March 11, 2006 at 6:00 PM.

The featured singers will be "The Believers" from Enterprise. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Maharays to be in concert at Wesley Chapel Community Church March 18th

The Maharays will be performing at Wesley Chapel Community Church on March 18, 2006 at 7:00 PM. The church is located at Belts Crossroads, Hwy 65 and 54, in Echo, Ala. For more than 30 years, the Maharays have traveled throughout the country performing the gospel in song with a distinct sound all their own. The music of this family ministry stretches across a vast spectrum of styles, including Southern gospel, Christian country, and bluegrass.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this event.

Revival Services to begin March 12 at Victoria Baptist Church

Revival services will be held at Victoria Baptist Church, Sunday, March 12, 2006, through Friday, March 17, 2006. The revival is a joint effort of Hebron, Mt. Zion, Victoria, Whitewater, Wise Mill, and Zion Chapel Churches. Speakers for the services are: Sunday - Brother Donnie Marler, Victoria; Monday - Brother Chris Barrows, Zion Chapel; Tuesday - Brother Larry Grimm, Mt. Zion; Wednesday - Brother Ken Hagley, Wise Mill; Thursday - Brother Dwayne Nicholson, Hebron; Friday - Brother Randal Pearson, Whitewater. Service times are Sunday at 6:00 PM and Monday through Friday at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Gospel Singing to be held at Calvary Baptist Church

There will be a gospel singing at Calvary Baptist Church, located on Hwy. 189 north, on Saturday, March 11, 2006 at 7:00 PM. Featured will be the Harrison family. Everyone is invited to come and worship.

Faith Assembly of God to celebrate Homecoming and to hold Revival services

Faith Assembly of God's Homecoming and Revival will be held March 12-15, 2006. On Sunday, the service will be held at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The morning speaker will be Rev. Billy Joe Glover, and the afternoon service will be The McGregors.

The church is located at 499 Meredith Street, Enterprise, Ala. Everyone is invited to attend.

Gospel Singing featuring Gold City Quartet to be held at Country Cathedral Assembly of God

Gold City Quartet will be in concert at Country Cathedral Assembly of God on Friday, March 31, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Country Cathedral is located on HWY 84 East about 5 miles east of Opp, AL. Everyone is encouraged to attend. No admission will be charged, but a love offering will be received. For more information, call 334-493-7413 or visit www.countrycathedral.com.

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***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Rev. Willis F. Bruton, Annie M. Bruton, Lizzie Tyson, Evelyn Brown, the Horstead family, Homer C. Coleman, Vernon Harris, Rev. E. Magwood, Rev. J.M. Bryant, Patricia Chapman, Catherine Waters, Catherine Johnson, Lovie Hooks

***MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Cleve M. Davis - March 2; Gina Mack - March 2; Warren Belcher - March 5; Juanita Belcher Brooks - March 5; Grady Brooks - March 5; Mary McMillan - March 6; Stephanie Williams - March 6; Nell McMillan - March 6; Gladys and E.J. Yelverton - March 7 (Wedding Anniversary)

was hosted by her son, Milton and his wife, Bettye, in their home in Montgomery. The total of Mrs. Belcher's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who were present was 32 from Elba, Montgomery, Enterprise, Tusculum, Birmingham, and Georgia. Other "Surprises" were Shirley Franklin, Isaiah Franklin, James and Henrietta Franklin, all of Montgomery; Beatrice Belcher (Enterprise); and Minister Robert Edwards (Elba). "Monna Eria", as she is lovingly called, was also treated to a tour of the Rosa Parks Museum as part of her 81st birthday celebration. She is grateful for the many gifts and cards from family members and friends in Elba and other areas who attended the dinner and those who were not able to attend.

1914 - On March 1, Ralph Waldo Ellison is born in Oklahoma City, Okla. He will later write *The Invisible Man*, which will win many awards.

1857 - On March 6, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against citizenship for African Americans in the Dred Scott decision.

1770 - On March 5, Crispus Attucks is killed in the Boston Massacre, which marked the start of the American Revolution.

Today is a good day! Be grateful. Erla

Elba Elementary School Menu

March 13 - 15, 2006

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Blueberry Muffin, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Taco Salad, Corn on the Cob, Apple, Milk
Tuesday - Waffles/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Steak Sandwich, Tater Tots, Butterbeans, Jello, Milk
Wednesday - Cheese Grits, Tater & Jolly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Hamburger Helper, Corn, Green Beans, Crackers, Applesauce, Milk

Thursday, March 16 - Spring Break Begins

Church Directory

<p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH Rev. Richard Thorne, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Nathan Carroll, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Senn, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Martha Bester Church Service: 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Mark Gray, Pastor Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. Fellowship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Hubert McWaters Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Don Grantham Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>KANON BAPTIST CHURCH Bernard Strickland, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Tim Gannells, Minister Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Evangelistic Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY Rev. David Tadlock Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA IN ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Rev. Billy Kidd Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA IN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor, Rev. Roger Miller Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Lorell Martin, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</p>	<p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Ashley Paulk-Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON IN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Training School: 5:00 p.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WOOD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Rev. & Mary Stinson, Pastors Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sundays Eve: 7:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Rev. Stinson, Pastor Sundays Service: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Youth Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>GOON POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Billy Berry Sat. Service: 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor Morn. Worship: 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>HAN HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HERBON BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Ray Hays Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Rev. Ray Hays Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. 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Ben McKee, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Bible Study: 5:00 p.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Diane Delmair - Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Elder Cornelius Newman-Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Bib. Stud. Tues. Thurs.: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Ray Hays Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Rev. Ray Hays, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. 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Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WHITETREE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Randall Pearson Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:</p>
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Tiger Tales

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Elba High senior participates in Alabama Junior Miss program

by Lauren McClung

When Casey Medlock won Coffee County Junior Miss, she knew the journey to the end of her Junior Miss would be both long and hard. She has been training for Alabama's Junior Miss competition since the night she won CCJM.

During her AJM experience, she was required to attend long rehearsals daily and go to visit several sites around Montgomery. At the end of the week was the competition, where she took part in the talent, interview, fitness, self-expression, and scholastics competitions.

The hardest part to her was the interview portion. "The judges are known for trying to trick the contestants in order to test their knowledge," she stated.

The most fun part of the competition was the fitness part. "It was like dancing, and testing my endurance," she remarked.

Casey's efforts proved suc-

cessful when her name was announced as the winner of the Scholastics award. This award went to the contestant with the most outstanding academic achievements.

The judges also took into consideration the contestant's school system. Casey received \$4,000 scholarship money for winning this award, bringing her total Junior Miss scholarship money to \$8,000.

When asked how she would rate her experience, she replied, "It was great! I met many girls that I will undoubtedly come in contact with in the future, and I learned a lot about myself."

She also said if she could go back and do it all over again she would.

"Although the preparation was tough, it was worth the effort," she said.

Congratulations Casey on all of your achievements as Coffee County's Junior Miss. You represented our county well, and we are very proud of you. Keep on doing the excellent job!

Baseball season underway at Elba High School

Spring is almost upon us, and it is baseball time once again with the Elba Tigers taking the field for a brand new season. This year brings about many new changes out on the field. For one, the team is under new management with first year head coach Tim Brown.

Coach Brown takes over a team that lost several key players last year. The Tigers are not blessed with an outstanding player but do have several seniors back for their final season hoping to end their high school career with a bang.

The Tigers recently kicked off the season with a home opener against cross county rival Zion Chapel.

The Tigers could not seem to get anything going on offense and fell 8-3. Although the Tigers came up on the short end of the stick, they still have a long season ahead and will only get better as the season rolls along.

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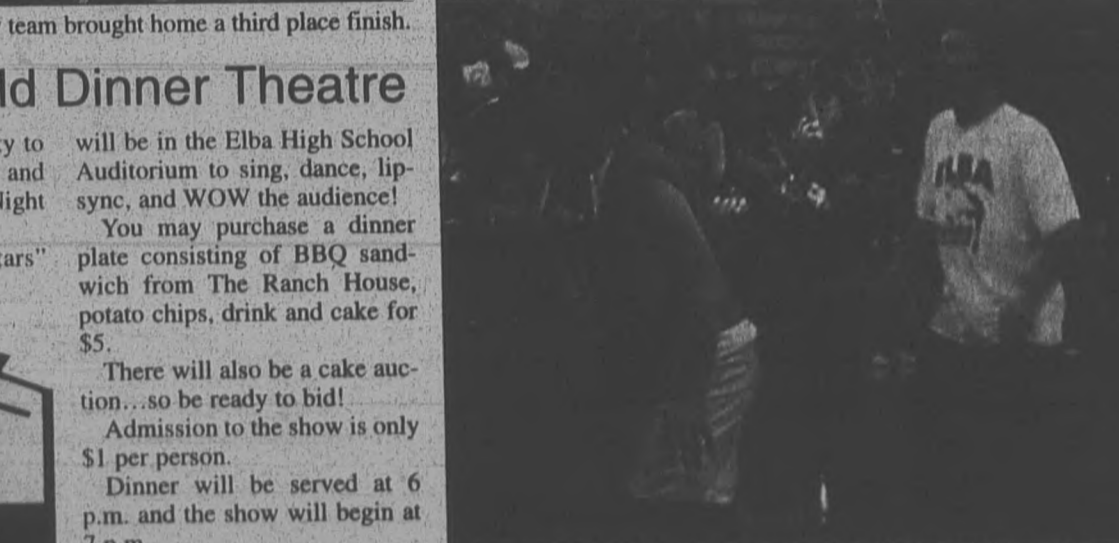
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2006 Varsity Softball team... (bottom row, 1 to 11) April Findore, Kiwana Cole and Michelle Anz, (middle row, 1 to 7) Shamba Jones, Ashley Carpenter, Kendall Stinson, Haley Stinson, Tiffany Crawford, (top row, 1 to 1) Mr. Charlie (Coach), Tatiana Parker (Manager), Melanie Mularz, Brandy Cadwell, Whitney Lawford, Stephanie Baxley, Kayla Miller, Krystan Parker and Coach David Collins.

Stephanie Baxley had 11 strike-outs for the Lady Tigers and only walked one batter. She also hit one batter.

The varsity girls will play in The Andalusia Tournament on Saturday, March 11, against Excel at 4:30. Also, the JV Tigers will play in the Lavers Tournament, opening up against Zion Chapel.

Good Luck, Girls!

Seat Cushion announcement by Stephanie Corder

The 2005-2006 Journalism Staff is planning to sell seat cushions. Ads will be sold and placed on the back of the cushion. Each ad is a business card size and can be purchased for \$40. If you are interested in buying a seat cushion ad, please call 897-2266 and ask for either Mrs. Wanda Bucklew or Stephanie Corder. Donations are welcomed.

Senior, Gale Olson received honorable mention for advanced math and Junior, Lauren McClung received fifth place in the advanced math capton.

Congratulations to the Elba High School Math team for a job well done.

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Elba High standout signs scholarship

by Stephanie Corder

On Friday, Feb. 24, Elba High School added another signee to the list. This person is none other than the two time Dothan Eagle Super 12 star, and small school "Player of the Year", Stephanie Baxley.

Stephanie has been a starter for the varsity softball team for four years, and one of the most dominant pitchers in the south.

Baxley has signed to continue her softball career with Enterprise-Ozark Community College. The Class of 2006 is much honored to add her to the signee list, and wish her the best of luck in the future!!

Elba High School FFA participates in county eliminations

by Jason Vaughan

On Friday Feb. 24, the Elba High School FFA took part in Coffee County Eliminations at the Farm Center in New Brockton.

The club participated in three different contests including livestock, land and forestry. These competitions are always tough and only a matter of points separate the losers from the winners.

The Forestry team took third place while the others did not place. The day was topped off with a hamburger cookout and some good country fellowship with their fellow county FFA members.

Special thanks to Mr. Mike Camley for chaperoning the trip on the absence of Mr. Walidoff. Congratulations to the FFA on their continued success.



FFA members participated in county eliminations. The forestry team brought home a third place finish.

EES presents Black and Gold Dinner Theatre

On Monday, March 13, the Elba Elementary PTO will host an exciting evening filled with talent, talent and more talent, as the EES faculty, students and

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Funds continue to come in for Elba playground project

The Elba Kiwanis Club was awarded a matching grant of \$1,000 at the Mid Winter Conference of the Alabama District Kiwanis International meeting in Montgomery, Feb. 24-25, 2006.

The playground fund is growing and is now over \$40,000 with \$17,000 in pledges. The Build Week has been rescheduled for Sept. 19-23, to allow more time for the preparation of the old high school site.

To make a donation to the playground, contact Nell Gilmer, 897-1255 or Laurie Chapman, 897-1152.

TOWN

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This project to sign the letters and send them back to town hall. Mayor Cole made several general announcements during the meeting. He reminded everyone of the Miss New Brockton pageants set for Saturday evening, March 11, at 6 p.m. at the New Brockton High School auditorium.

The mayor also said the council's working group meeting is set Monday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at town hall, and the Downtown Revitalization committee will meet Tuesday, March 28, at 12:30 p.m.

The next New Brockton Town Council meeting will be Monday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at the New Brockton Town Hall.

SPORTS

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mulars, Sports Editor

My role as "Cookie Dad" for the Elba Girl Scout Troop 300 came to an end this week, and even though I knew the girls and didn't mind offering my help, I will have to admit by the end of the sales I was a little tired of moving boxes of Girl Scout cookies from place to place around the house. The annual sale was a success and the girls raised funds for future projects, and I did get to taste a few cookies.

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

*** The Elba Tigers continued their early-season struggles on the baseball diamond last week as they fell to Arton, Geneva County and Kinston to slip to 0-4 on the season. The Tigers barely put up a fight early in the week as they were defeated by Arton and Geneva County by a combined score of 23-3, but they did show signs of life late in the week and had a chance to win until the final inning in their loss to Kinston. I know the players and coaches are far from satisfied with their early-season losses and will keep on working hard to get better in all areas. One day some breaks will go their way and the Tigers will find out how much fun it is to win, and the wins will keep on coming.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers managed only three hits and two runs in two games last week, but still managed to claim one win and moved their early-season record to 2-1. The lone loss came to Arton in a 1-0 contest highlighted by two of the top pitchers in South Alabama, while the 2-1 win was over Zion Chapel in a game that saw both teams make critical errors that resulted in all three runs. Elba has only three seniors in its starting line-up, but the Lady Tigers do have five returning starters, and it is time for the girls to settle down, hit the ball and play like the team many felt they would be.

*** While the varsity squads in baseball and softball have struggled early in the season, the junior varsity squads have been successful and it looks like the future is bright. The Tiger JV have rolled to a 4-0 record and have been solid in all areas, while the Lady Tiger JV has posted an early 2-1 start and appears to be a very talented bunch of young ladies. The purpose of the junior varsity program is to teach the younger players the fundamentals and to also get them ready for the varsity. It looks like both programs are doing that, and more.

*** The Samson Lady Tigers won the Class 2A state basketball championship last week at Birmingham and in doing so ended the season with a 35-1 record. Samson had lost in the state finals a year ago, but dedicated this season to winning one more game, and did just that as it won the 2A title. The win marked the first time in 29 years that a school south of Birmingham managed to win the 2A title, and only the fourth time ever from the Wiregrass to carry home a title. Congratulations are in order for Coach Scott Kinsaul and his team for a season they will always remember.

*** While on the subject of the state tournament, the City of Montgomery can now also claim to be the capital of the state in high school basketball as the city had three teams bring home state championships. St. Jude won the 2A title, while in the 6A ranks Jeff Davis brought home crowns in both boys and girls action. Football may be down in Montgomery, but basketball is obviously alive and well.

*** In closing, youth baseball and softball registration ended last week here in Elba and the numbers were up in baseball and down a little in softball. I am a firm believer the move to fast-pitch has hurt the interest in softball, while the other factor in numbers being down all across the nation is that many parents discourage their youngsters from playing so that they won't have to take the children to practice and then sit at the games.

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Elba Lady Tigers win one and lose one in prep softball action

The Elba Lady Tigers scored only two runs last week in two games, but made the most out of the runs they did score as they posted one win and one loss to move their record to 2-1 on the season.

Following are highlights of last week's softball action:

ARITON 1

ELBA 0

The Elba Lady Tigers and Arton Lady Cats locked up in a pitching duel last Tuesday afternoon in Arton with the Lady Cats pushing across an unearned run in the bottom of the sixth inning to squeeze out a 1-0 win. Elba threatened in the second inning when Stephanie Baxley reached on a walk and later reached third on a sacrifice bunt by Krystan Parker, but the Lady Tigers failed to push the run across and managed only one base runner over the final five innings.

Arton collected only two hits through five innings. However, the Lady Cats opened the sixth with a walk and then took advantage of two Elba errors to plate the game's only run as they claimed the win 1-0.

Haley Stinson got the only Elba hit in the loss, while Stephanie Baxley tossed a two-hitter and struck out 11 batters. Lexi Phillips pitched a one-hitter and struck out 15 batters to lead Arton.

ELBA 2

Z.C. 1

The Elba Lady Tigers pushed across an unearned run in the bottom of the fifth to regain the lead and held on to sneak past the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 2-

Registration extended for Dixie Boys and Dixie Belles leagues

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that registration has been extended for the Dixie Boys Baseball League and the Dixie Belles Softball League. Registration has been extended until March 17, 2006.

The registration fee is \$25 per person, with a \$60 maximum for a family with more than two members signing up in the leagues.

Following is a brief description of the various leagues offered:

DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL

Dixie Boys Baseball is a nationally sanctioned league for boys ages 13-14 and a player's age is determined by their age on May 1, 2006. The game is similar to regulation baseball, with the exception being the fact it is played on a scaled down

Lady Tiger JV suffer first loss of season in extra inning setback

The Elba Lady Tiger junior varsity hit the field twice last week and posted one win and one loss as their record moved to 2-1 on the young season.

Following are highlights of both games:

ELBA 4

ARITON 2

The Elba Lady Tiger JV pulled ahead early and held on late to claim a 4-2 win over the Arton Lady Cats, last Tuesday afternoon in Arton. The Lady Tigers combined three errors, one walk and a key hit by Bethany Wilson to grab an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning, while Lindsey Carnley and Chessie Cross both delivered clutch hits in the second as the Lady Tigers upped their lead to 4-1. Elba managed only one hit over the final three innings, but held on and claimed the impressive 4-2 road win.

Kayla Rials, Lindsey Carnley, Chessie Cross and Bethany Wilson all had one hit to lead Elba at the plate, while Rials and Carnley both scored two runs. Carnley was the winning pitcher as she tossed a three hitter and struck out eight batters.

Z.C. 7

ELBA 5

The Elba Lady Tiger JV suffered their first loss of the season Thursday afternoon in Elba when they dropped a 7-5 deci-

1. Thursday afternoon in Elba. Elba grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when April Finedore reached on an error and later scored on the Lady Rebels' second error of the frame, while Zion Chapel pulled even at 1-1 in the second as the Lady Rebels took advantage of three Elba errors.

Elba's Haley Stinson singled to open the fourth inning and moved around to third base on a fielder's choice and a sacrifice bunt, but failed to cross the plate as the score remained tied at 1-1.

Michelle Aruz led off the bottom of the fifth with a line drive single to right field and moved to second base when the throw back to the infield missed its target. Aruz moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by April Finedore and then scored when a low throw to first base skipped past the Lady Rebel first baseman with two outs. Zion Chapel went down in order in the final two innings as the Lady Tigers held to 2-1 win.

Haley Stinson and Michelle Aruz both had one hit to lead Elba at the plate, while Brandy Caldwell and Stephanie Baxley combined to handout the Lady Rebels on four hits. Caldwell pitched four innings and allowed one unearned run on three hits, while striking out five batters. Baxley pitched the final three innings in relief and allowed no runs on one hit and struck out eight batters. Keri Hobbs got 2 hits to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Courtney Grant was tagged with the loss despite allowing only two hits, no earned runs and striking out four batters.

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Z.C. 1

The Elba Lady Tigers pushed across an unearned run in the bottom of the fifth to regain the lead and held on to sneak past the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 2-



ELBA TIGER SHORTSTOP CHASE BOUTWELL gets ready to fire a ball back into the infield after running down a hit in short left field. The Tigers saw their record slip to 0-4 last week with three losses.

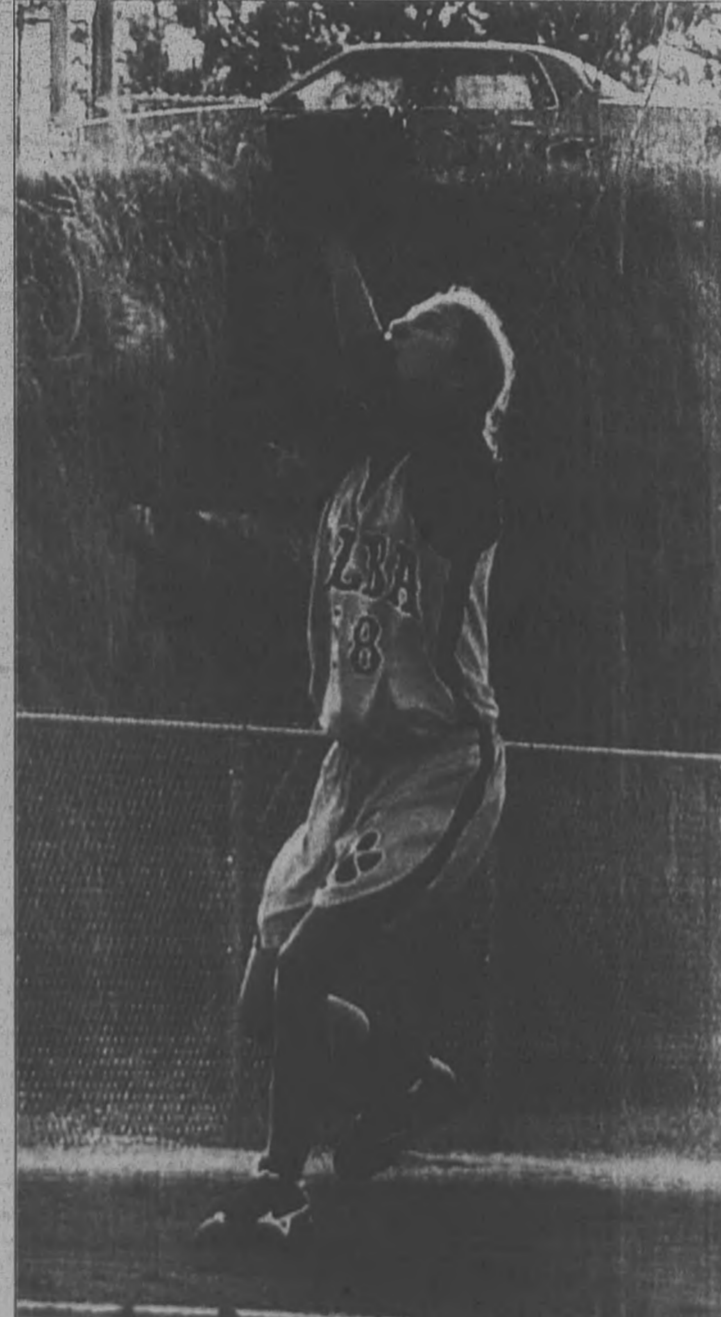
(Photo by Laura Baxley)

Elba Tigers still looking for first win of season after losses to Geneva County and Kinston

The Elba Tigers continued their early-season struggles on the baseball field last week as they suffered a pair of losses to see their record slip to 0-4 on the season.

The Tigers traveled to Hartford on Thursday afternoon and managed only two hits in a 10-0 loss to Geneva County. Kade Sullivan tossed a two-hitter and struck out eight batters to get the win on the mound for the Bulldogs, while Sullivan, Andrew Sanders, Marcus Gilmore and Bo Dykes all collected two hits.

The Tigers hosted area county rival Kinston Friday afternoon and saw the Bulldogs plate six runs in their final at-bat to pull away and defeat Elba 11-7. Garrett Parker had three hits to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Brad Elmore added two hits and knocked in three runs.



ELBA LADY TIGER JV SHORTSTOP KAYLA RIALS settles under a pop-up in the infield during softball action last week. The Lady Tiger JV dropped their first game of the season last week in an extra inning setback to Zion Chapel.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

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*** BASEBALL ***

New Brockton Gamecocks outscore Brantley 17-7

The New Brockton Gamecocks opened the season last Monday afternoon and broke out their hitting sticks as they pounded the Brantley Bulldogs 17-7. Nathan Foster had 3 hits and knocked in 3 runs to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Stephen Hines added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and collected 2 rbi's and Derrick Cook added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and also collected 3 rbi's. Heath Danford, Mark Windham, Kyle Purvis and Justin West all added 1 hit. Shane Adkinson got the win on the mound as he scattered 7 hits, allowed 3 earned runs and struck out 5 batters.

New Brockton blanks Zion Chapel 10-0

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted their second win of the young season last Tuesday afternoon with a 10-0 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Mark Windham allowed only 3 hits and struck out 4 batters to get the win on the mound, while Heath Danford and Luke Sanders both got 2 hits and Justin West ripped a 3-run homer.

Zion Chapel Rebels outscore Samson in 16-11 win

The Zion Chapel Rebels got back on the winning track Thursday afternoon by claiming a wild 16-11 win over the Samson Tigers. Abe Childs had 4 hits, blasted a pair of two-run homers and collected six rbi's to lead the Rebels at the plate, while D.J. Stinson added a 3-run homer and struck out 5 batters.

New Brockton tripped up by Enterprise 14-4

The New Brockton Gamecocks challenged their 6A neighbors Thursday afternoon and suffered a 14-4 setback to the undefeated Enterprise Wildcats. Billy Gunnert got the win on the mound for the Wildcats, while David Aguilar had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the 'Cats at the plate.

Zion Chapel JV Rebels blank Samson 12-0

The Zion Chapel JV made it look easy Thursday afternoon by rolling to a big 12-0 win over the Samson Tigers. Justin Winters, Matt Brunson, Zach Stevens, Ethan Mount and Garrett Stinson all had 2 hits to lead the Rebels.

Gamecocks fall to Enterprise in tourney 11-1

The New Brockton Gamecocks tangled with the Enterprise Wildcats in the Boll Weevil Baseball Tournament and had little luck against their 6A rivals as they dropped an 11-1 decision. Steven Law pitched all five innings for the Wildcats and allowed 2 hits, while striking out 8 batters. Randall Noble had a two-run double to lead Enterprise at the plate.

New Brockton posts tourney win over Samson 6-3

The New Brockton Gamecocks bounced back in the loser's bracket of the Boll Weevil Baseball Tournament to down Samson 6-3. Nathan Foster pounded out 3 hits to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Heath Danford and Steven Hines both added 2 hits. Shane Adkinson got the win on the mound as he allowed 5 hits and struck out 8 batters.

*** SOFTBALL ***

Zion Chapel Lady Rebels roll to 16-1 win

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels made it look easy last Monday afternoon as they posted a 16-1 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, in a game stopped after three innings. Keri Hobbs ripped 3 doubles to lead the Lady Rebels at the plate, while Courtney Grant was the winning pitcher as she allowed only two hits and struck out 5 batters.

Fair chase hunting bill to change practices

The Alabama Legislature has passed a bill that emphasizes the rules of "fair chase" hunting and amends the statute that provides for the breeding of protected game animals.

According to Conservation Commissioner Barnett Lawley, the purpose of this bill is to maintain the integrity and credibility of fair chase hunting. "The opportunity for the animal to escape is critical for fair chase hunting," he said. "This is essential if hunting is to continue to enjoy the support of the vast majority of the public, both hunters and non-hunters. This support is critical to the best long-term interests of hunters, the resource and the public."

The legislation accomplishes the following in regards to fair chase hunting:

- Makes it unlawful to hunt or offer the opportunity to hunt game animals that are not provided a reasonable opportunity to evade the hunter.
- Makes it unlawful to guarantee an individual animal to a hunter.
- Prohibits using computer aided and remote controlled devices to kill game.

Senate Bill 137 also amends the statute that provides for the breeding of protected game animals. The old statute had been in effect for 70 years and was last amended in 1940.

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ZION CHAPEL LADY REBEL COURTNEY GRANT eyes the plate in recent high school softball action. The Lady Rebels dropped a 2-1 decision to Elba last week, with Grant tossing a two-hitter.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

Elba and Kinston to compete this weekend at Andalusia high school softball tournament at sportsplex

The Andalusia Girls High School Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament will be held this weekend at the Andalusia Sportsplex and among the 14 teams in the annual event will be the Elba Lady Tigers and the Kinston Lady Bulldogs.

Following are first and second round pairings:

Friday, March 10

Field #1
4:30 - Pleasant Home vs. Greenville
6:00 - Dothan vs. Samson
7:30 - Geneva vs. Ft. Home-Greenville winner
Field #2
4:30 - Elba vs. Excel
6:00 - Opp JV vs. Straughn
7:30 - Elba-Excel winner vs. Kinston-Andalusia winner
Field #3
4:30 - Andalusia vs. Kinston
6:00 - T.R. Miller vs. Andalusia JV
7:30 - Dothan-Samson winner vs. Opp JV-Straughn winner

Saturday, March 11

Field #1
9:00 - Opp vs. T.R. Miller-Andalusia JV winner
Field #2
9:00 - Dothan-Samson loser vs. Opp JV-Straughn loser
Field #3
9:00 - Elba-Excel loser vs. Andalusia-Kinston loser

Tourney will continue through day on Saturday, with championship game set for 7:30 PM.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



FUTURE LITTLE MISS CONTESTANTS...The Miss New Brockton pageants will be held Saturday, March 11, beginning at 6 p.m. at the New Brockton High School auditorium. Contestants in the Future Little Miss category will include: (front, 1 to 2) Kimberlee Perry and Khadejah Senior; (back, 1 to 2) Cymona Simmons and Harley Chappell.

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LITTLE MISS CONTESTANTS...The Miss New Brockton pageants will be held Saturday, March 11, beginning at 6 p.m. at the New Brockton High School auditorium. Contestants in the Little Miss category will include: (left to right) Shelby Weems, Felicity Sanders, Hayley Haggard, Annsey Padgett and Molly McDaniel.



JUNIOR MISS CONTESTANTS...The Miss New Brockton pageants will be held Saturday, March 11, beginning at 6 p.m. at the New Brockton High School auditorium. Contestants in the Junior Miss category will include: (left to right) Kayla Kerrigan, Chelsea Smith, Malory Meissner, Kayla Farnon, Callie Hollis; and (not pictured) Angel Miller and Kismania Neal.

Love of flying runs in the family

Aaron Cotter, of the New Hope community in Coffee County, a 2004 graduate of New Brockton High School, is pictured here on the tarmac at Regional Airline Academy (RAA) in DeLand, Fla. Aaron is the son of proud parents James W. and Donna F. McCrummen and grandson of Donald W. Lula B. (Betty) Foley, all of the New Hope community.

Aaron enrolled at RAA and began studying to be a pilot in February 2005 and has successfully completed all FAA required ground school studies and FAA check rides to earn his private single engine pilot license, his commercial single engine pilot license, and most recently, his commercial multi-engine pilot license.

Aaron cultivated his love of flying from a seed planted by his grandfather, Donald W. Foley (pictured with Aaron).



Aaron Cotter (left) began studying to be a pilot in February 2005. His love of flying no doubt came from his grandfather, Donald W. Foley (right), who served as an Alabama Civil Air Patrol pilot for several years before retiring from civil service as an ALMD inspector.

Mr. Foley was an Alabama Civil Air Patrol pilot for several years and retired from civil service as an ALMD inspector.

Mr. Foley has taken to the air

MISS CONTESTANTS...The Miss New Brockton pageants will be held Saturday, March 11, beginning at 6 p.m. at the New Brockton High School auditorium. Contestants in the Miss New Brockton category will include: (front, 1 to 2) Georgia Smith and Tori Stone; (back, 1 to 2) Brandi Howard, Alexa Adams and Chelsea Wood.

EDITOR (Continued from Page Two)

Gospel being preached all over the world through missionaries, television, satellite, radio, internet, and a few publications; i.e., this newspaper? Read Matthew 24:14.

As in Jeremiah's time we have false prosperity prophets deceiving people saying, "The economy is good. There are good times ahead." Who should we believe? False Prophets or God?

We have become like Noah's and Lot's generations. We "tolerate" evil. During Old Testament times, sodomy, violence, and killing babies were common among the people. Any time a nation, such as ours, builds its foundation on the principles of the Bible and then

turns away from them, God allows that nation to be destroyed by "natural disasters" such as mud slides, forest fires, hurricanes, earthquakes, and even to be captured by her enemies. Drinking water becomes impure. People become spiritually, mentally, and emotionally ill. We run to doctors for a "cure" for all our problems. We have "scoffers" who don't even realize that by their own words they are fulfilling Bible prophecy (2 Peter 3:1-9).

This does not even include what will happen concerning Israel, as revealed in Ezekiel 38, Zechariah 14, and Revelation 19. Nations are already aligning against Israel. God will bless those who bless Israel; and will curse those who curse Israel. How is the United States standing on this?

This is not to scare you, but to prepare you. "God had not given us the spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

All is not gloom and doom. Those who believe in salvation through Jesus Christ have a bright future. This message is not only for those who believe in Christ but also for those who want a personal relationship with Him. God's promises are true; but to stand on them we must know them; and to know them we must study them for ourselves. Read John 3:16-17 and John 14:1-3.

The only real peace in the world is found in Jesus Christ. All else is just a camouflage with nothing to hold it up.

Annette Griswold is a wife, mother, and grandmother who lives in Coffee County. Her email address is annette182@aol.com.

FSA office announces CRP sign-up

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) recently announced that a general conservation reserve program (CRP) sign-up will open Monday, March 27, and run through Friday, April 14.

Farmers and ranchers will be able to make offers for CRP's competitive general sign-up at their local FSA offices. Offers for general sign-up will be evaluated based on five environmental factors (wildlife, water, soil, air and enduring benefits) and cost.

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SCHOOLS

Bring it on for bleachers

by Anna Beth Sawyer

I'm sure all of you have noticed the poor condition of the bleachers in our gym.

Bring It On For Bleachers is an A-Club project currently trying to raise money for the bleachers to be replaced.

There are many different options for donations. \$25 will get a plaque in the gym's lobby.

Larger donations will be accepted also. Donations can be given either to the N.B.H.S. Athletic Club or the high school office.

This project will make the gym more comfortable and safe for everyone. Also, along with all of the other improvements, N.B.H.S. is going to be beautiful.

So spread the word to others to "Bring It On For Bleachers!"

As we go through the changes as an individual we make sacrifices and mistakes. With these questions we stretch the minds of others to notice what we don't want to acknowledge in high school or what we just ignore.

Some things are important to people and not to others. With these questions we add a little fun to spice up life just a little.

Senior - Tasha Bond
Q: Is popularity an important factor to you?

A: Yes. I'd be lying if I said no.

Q: If you saw you a friend cheating on his/her boyfriend/girlfriend, what would you do? Would you report it, confront the friend, or nothing? Why?

A: I would confront my

friend because I wouldn't want anyone to get hurt.

Sophomore - Jay Prescott
Q: Which reality T.V. show would you choose to be on?

A: Deal or No Deal

Q: Scientists now report that the world revolves slower and that we now have 24 hours and 1 second in a day. What would you like to be doing during that one second?

A: Be with my girlfriend and my family.

Freshman - Katherine Johnson
Q: Does today's look matter to you (clothing, shoes, and hair)?

A: Yes. Shoes matter a lot. I like shoes.

Q: If you were the President what would be one change you would make?

A: Paint the white house black.

7th grader - Skyler Lee
Q: Are you the type of person

who enjoys a lot of attention?

A: Not really

Q: What would you do if someone got broke line in front of you?

A: Ask them to move very nicely and then take things to the next level if they don't.

Saying those words doesn't mean that New Brockton is a bad place, far from it, in fact, I love this town, and all the people in it. The people with whom I associate today are those who have influenced me the most and helped me set such high standards and expectations for myself. I only hope that I do not let them down.

Most of my graduating class will be staying close by, but college is college, no matter where it is, and I know that it will be an entirely different arena than what we have known up until this point in our lives. No one can prepare us for what we are undertaking.

Hopefully all of us will go on to do great things, which may include a multitude of things - having a successful career and being a good father or mother. We should all be excited, not scared, of the road that lies ahead of us.

As it approaches "crunch-time" I find that three major emotions are coming to play.

Nervousness: the fact that I am entering a new stage of my life where I'm not quite sure how it will be or what to expect.

Sorrow: I've prided myself that I have some of the best friends anyone could ever have - and I still believe that to this day. Whether I am up or down, I can always count on those who mean the most to me - and I truly love them for that; and that's a love that withstands petty arguments - it's a love that is everlasting.

Finally, excitement overcomes me. I find that I'm so excited I can barely sit still or hold a thought in my head. I think it's the kind of excitement only a senior can feel. It's a feeling as if I'm a man on a long journey whose conclusion is uncertain.

I hope I don't let anybody down. I hope to meet new friends, and form the same type of bonds that I have formed over the years with my old ones. I hope that college is everything I dream it is. I hope.

One down, one to go

Editorial by John R. Sawyer

My whole life I've been looking forward to my senior year and graduating.

With the passing of each class before me, listening to their feelings as a senior, I still yearned to walk across that stage and move on to bigger and better things. However, with one semester down, and just one last final one to go in my high school career, I find myself reflecting back on things of the past; how I might have done things differently, how I would have or should have treated people, how I could have planned things better - I find that all these thoughts and more are entering my mind, and that maybe I'm not as prepared as I had once thought.

What do I do? I stay focused; I keep my eye on the prize - a ticket out of here.

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Cheerleading: the much debated sport

by Tori Stone

When students at Princeton University began organized cheerleading in 1898, they never knew it would become one of the most debated topics in athletics today.

The question most commonly asked is "Is cheerleading a sport?"

In my opinion, it is.

Let's think about this, what makes an activity a sport? Practice? Dedication? Injury? Teamwork? Well, all of these things are part of cheerleading.

Cheerleaders practice just as much as any other athlete and

are dedicated enough to go home after hours of practice and spend even more time perfecting jumps, cheers and dances.

There are also injuries in cheerleading. Cheerleaders pull muscles, twist ankles, and break bones just like any other athlete.

Also, teamwork is just as important in cheerleading as in any other sport.

In a sport where you are throwing people in the air, you have to work together to make sure you catch them.

The next time you are at a basketball or football game, take the time to notice the other sport taking place, cheerleading!

N.B.H.S. Students of the Month

New Brockton student Aton Evans won the Coffee County Spelling Bee and will travel to Birmingham to compete statewide.

Left to Right: Whitney Brantley, Brandi Howard, Krista Thomas and Chelsea Smith.

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She was born in Bellwood, Alabama on July 2, 1949.

"June Bug" passed on peacefully in her home in Savannah, Georgia on December 23, 2005 to be with her Lord. She was layed to rest beside her brother - Jeny Lee Griggs - in Jonesboro, Georgia near Atlanta where he was born and raised.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



MEMBERS OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP #300 assisted the Lions Club during last Saturday's Pancake Day. Girl Scout Melanie Mulatz is shown cleaning a table after supporters finish their meal. Among their duties, the girl scouts greeted people, helped carry plates and cleaned the tables.



Elba resident Johnny Seun jokingly said he was in charge of breakfast duty for his family last Saturday morning, and he could think of no better breakfast than pancakes and sausage.



Volunteers offer free tax help, make sure filers get tax credits

Working on your tax return? Need some help? It may be as close as your neighborhood library or community center.

The Internal Revenue Service has hundreds of trained volunteers who are staffing tax help sites across Alabama. Taxpayers whose household income is below \$38,000 and who file a fairly simple tax return can have their returns prepared free at any of these sites, most of which also offer free e-filing.

"These dedicated volunteers give their time to make sure people get all the proper tax credits and deductions, like the Earned Income Tax Credit," said IRS spokesman Dan Boone.

Boone said the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) can greatly increase the refund many tax filers get, but thousands who are eligible for the credit fail to claim it each year.

"Last year 470,463 Alabama families claimed more than \$995 million in EITC," Boone said. "Our volunteers are trained to identify others who are eligible and can benefit from this tax credit."

The maximum EITC amount for 2005 has increased to

\$4,400. To get the credit, taxpayers must have worked for some part of the year and have income under approximately \$38,000.

The free tax help sites are in convenient locations such as libraries, churches, community centers and shopping malls. Some even offer evening or weekend hours of service.

Many of the volunteers who staff these sites return year after year. The IRS partners with AARP, United Way, local governments and other community organizations to provide this free service.

The sites are located in these 31 counties in Alabama: Autauga, Baldwin, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Coffee, Colbert, Cullman, Escambia, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Gadsden, Jackson, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lee, Limestone, Lowndes, Madison, Marshall, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Russell, Shelby, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Washington.

For site location and schedule information and to find out what documents and identification to bring, call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040.

Spring concerts showcase vocal talents at Troy

TROY University will be hosting a variety of choral concerts throughout the spring semester.

The Choral Masterwork Festival will be March 11 at 7:30 p.m. and March 12 at 3 p.m. at the TROY - Montgomery Campus Davis Theatre.

This festival features professional, community, and student singers and instrumentalists in recreating *Creation*, by the classical composer Franz Joseph Haydn, who is a contemporary of Mozart and Beethoven.

The music of this festival is upbeat, optimistic, and humorous, as well as beautiful.

In contrast to the large per-

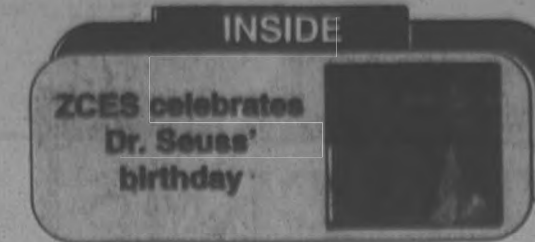
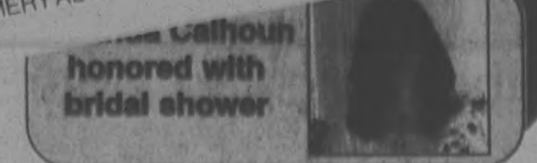
forming forces of the Choral Masterwork Festival, the Choral Chamber Concert will be April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Hawkins-Adams Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus.

The Chamber Concert is under the direction of Dr. Diane Orlofsky, conductor of the Chamber Choir, which according to Dr. Orlofsky is "traditionally, mixed vocal chamber groups that is on the small side and focus on the SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) literature."

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Elba Police make theft and drug arrests

A theft investigation by the Elba Police Department led to the arrest earlier this week of several local residents.

Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said the Elba Police investigators Andy Gunter and Tony Harrison recently have been investigating a local theft that led to the arrest this week of two Elba residents. He said Michael Dana Smith, age 43, and Joseph Truitt, age 45, both

During Coffee County Commission meeting Maintenance supervisor reports problems at jail

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting, Coffee County Commissioners received word Monday morning, March 13, of a few problems at the Coffee County Jail.

In his report to commissioners, county maintenance supervisor Phil Rugg said some prisoners attempted but failed to escape the jail. He said the prisoners got as far as the duct work in the facility before being caught.

Rugg said this failed attempt forced the need of some repair work to bars and the duct work.

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of Adkison Street, Elba, were arrested and charged with theft in second degree.

Chief Hanchey said other arrests also are pending in this investigation.

While serving the arrest warrant for Smith, Chief Hanchey said officers issued a search warrant which led to the discovery of various quantities of "crack" cocaine, "powder" cocaine, marijuana, drug para-

phernalia including hypodermic syringes.

Upon this discovery, officers arrested Michael Dana Smith, age 43, of Elba. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of untaxed liquor. Also arrested was Clisbe D. Thomas, age 28, of Elba (charged with possession of a controlled substance); Ricky Hill, age 32, of Elba (charged with possession of a controlled substance); Anita Funderburk, age 38, of Elba (charged with possession of a controlled substance) and Charles Howard, age 55, of Elba (charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia).

Assisting the Elba Police Department with the search and arrests were agents of the Alabama Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board, Coffee

County Sheriff's Department. Chief Hanchey said additional arrests are pending.

In an unrelated investigation by the Elba Police Department and ABC Board, Chief Hanchey said Raymond Mitchell Stokes, age 53, and Linda Sue Stokes, age 51, both of Forest Hill Drive, Elba, have been arrested and charged with trafficking of a controlled substance, manufacturing a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hanchey said the arrests followed the service of a search warrant executed at the suspects' residence.

Assisting in the investigation were members of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and Twelfth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force. Haz-Mat personnel also responded to the scene to dispose of the toxic waste associated with the manufacture of the drugs.

Elba City Council amends city budget to reflect garbage contract change

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening, but didn't get the usual report from the Chief of Police.

Mayor James Grimes explained that the Police Chief, Freddy Hanchey, was absent because officers were on "a detail." That turned out to be serving search warrants which resulted in arrests involving some stolen merchandise and

for violation of various drug laws.

The first item council members tackled was amending the annual budget. This was to reflect the January change from contracting out garbage pickup to handling it "in house." The adjustments lowered the administrative expenses for the \$142,000 unspent amount of the annual garbage contract. It increased salaries for the sanitation department by \$42,000 and vehicle fuel by \$5,000.

Also adjusted was the capital expenditures, up by \$150,000 to cover the purchase of the new garbage truck, body and commercial dumpsters.

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Guthrie also announced that

Grant funds were also adjusted downward to balance the budget. Grimes explained the Downtown Project was probably not going to need the full funding during this fiscal year and this would help balance the budget.

Reviewing the operating budget, Grimes reported that four month revenue was \$24,000 above predictions and expenditures were \$22,000 below budget.

"The budget looks good right now but will change as the year goes on," said Grimes.

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Baxter, Giles & Barnes named to new positions at The Peoples Bank of Coffee County

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Barry M. Giles will be City President - Elba, and James Barnes will be City President - Enterprise.

Baxter is a graduate of Charles Henderson High School in Troy, Ala. He earned a BS degree in accounting and business administration from Troy University.

Baxter is also a graduate of the Alabama Banking School in Mobile, Ala., and has over 10 years of experience in commercial and retail banking.

He is a 17-year member of the United States Army Reserve.

An active member of the Alabama Banking Association and the Pike County Banking Association, Baxter is a board member of the Pike County American Cancer Society, the Pike County Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Development Boards and the local Habitat for Humanity.

Baxter is married to the for-

mer Betsi Rape and they are the parents of 16-month-old twins. The Baxters attend the First Baptist Church of Troy.

A native of Huntsville, Ala., Giles has been a resident of Elba for 29 years and has been in the field of banking over 32 years.

He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham with a BS degree in accounting and business administration. Giles also graduated from the School of Banking of the South in Baton Rouge, La.

Giles is a veteran of the Vietnam War, having been awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and the Purple Heart.

A member of the City of Elba Industrial Development Board and the City of Elba Water and Electric Board, Giles is a past president and director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, past chairman of the City of Elba Zoning

Board, and past member of the Elba Economic Development Board. He is also past president and a Paul Harris Fellow of the Elba Rotary Club where he presently serves as a member.

Giles is a member of the Elba United Methodist Church and serves on its finance committee and administrative board. He and his wife, Kathy, have three children: Kara and Warren (Elba) and Amy Giles Rodriguez of Dallas, Texas. Giles has three grandchildren.

A native of Coffee County and resident of Enterprise, Barnes has over 35 years of banking experience.

He is a graduate of the Alabama Banking School in Mobile. He currently serves on the Coffee County Family Services, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce and Salvation Army of Coffee County boards and is president of the Enterprise YMCA Board of Directors. Barnes is also a member of the Enterprise Lions Club.

Barnes is a member of the First Baptist Church of Enterprise, where he serves as a deacon and chairman of the budget and finance committee. His wife, Stacia, is a retired

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Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY has announced that qualifying for election year 2006 is underway and will continue up until Friday, April 7, at 3 p.m. Anyone interested in qualifying as a Democrat for any of the upcoming elections may contact Eddie Vaughan at (334) 897-2273, ext. 209 or (334) 897-4395 anytime.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, April 6, at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honeybee is welcome to attend. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at (334) 894-2077.

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